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GENERAL MEETING

A general meeting of all members of the Canberra University College Students' Association has been called for Thursday, 16th September, to consider the following agenda:-

- Amendment to the electoral provisions of the Constitution, and other minor amendments
- Application for a permanent liquor licence for students of the College
- Discussion on the purchase of a vehicle for the Association
- The question of sending observers to the forthcoming Council meeting of N.U.A.U.S.
- Editorship of "Woroni"
- Relationship with the Australian National University Students' Association.

The meeting will be held in the Students' Common Room and will commence at 8.00 p.m. sharp.

J. H. BROOK
Secretary

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EXAMINATIONS

The following pointers on the exams. (seven weeks off) have kindly been provided for your guidance by Mr. T. J. Keith:

- (i) examinations will commence on Monday, 1st November, in the College Hall.
- (ii) Copies of the examination time-table for University of Melbourne subjects are not expected to be received in Canberra until the first week in October. A copy of the time-table and an examination number slip will be posted to each student entering for examination.
- (iii) a separate examination time-table to cover examinations in the Canberra subjects of Chinese, Japanese and Patent Law will be issued by the College.
- (iv) absence from an examination through misreading the time-table does not entitle any student to further examination. It is the duty of candidates to ascertain the dates and times of their examination as soon as the time table is received.
- (v) foreign students may use dictionaries (native language - English) under conditions which are obtainable from the Registrar's Assistant.
- (vi) if a candidate's studies during the academic year have been gravely hampered by illness or other serious cause, an application should be addressed to the Registrar of the College prior to the commencing date of the annual examination and supported by medical or other proper evidence, requesting the examiners in that subject to take the circumstances into account.

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(vii) a candidate at the Annual Examination who is, to a substantial degree, affected by illness during the course of an examination, is advised to report the circumstances of such illness to the supervisor in charge of the examination either during or immediately after the examination. Within three days of taking the examination the candidate should lodge with the Registrar of the College an application for special consideration by the examiners in that subject. Such an application must be supported by medical or other proper evidence.

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DRAMATIC SOCIETY

C.U.D.S. grows bigger and brighter with every play-reading. We now have more than 25 active members. However not more than half of these are full members, the rest being associate members only and not members of the student body.

Playreadings take place almost every week at the various homes of members. A wide variety of plays and parts are chosen so that we cover a cross-section of the drama that is available to us.

We would like to congratulate Rodney Smith, one of our members, for his sterling effort in Repertory's latest production "Death of a Salesman".

Our activities during the next few months will be devoted to producing a University Revue for the end of the year. The difficult and thorny process of writing a script is now under way with Malcolm Yell, Bruce Hope and Rodney Smith taking a leading part in its preparation. Anybody with suggestions, bright or otherwise, could contact the producer, Clyde Packer, at B074 (A.M.) or J.1251 (P.M.)

BARBARA EATHER

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AN UNKNOWN GENIUS ON THE S.R.C.!

The S.R.C. President has handed to the Editors of "Woroni" the following composition, which was presented to him with due ceremony (and the reverence befitting such an occasion) when he was half an hour late for last month's S.R.C. meeting. It is understood that copies of the document, wrapped in discarded psychology essays, will be placed in the S.R.C. archives.

The Typer's Doodle - or how to wait for the President without losing your flipping temper.

The bottle of ink.
 The boy stood on the burnin' deck whence all but he had fled.
 The cat spat on the mat.
 The slick black fox jumped onto the lazy Christian.
 The boy stood on the bleeding dock whence all but me had sailed.
 The bootle of Quink.
 The rain in Spain falls mainly in the plain.
 Canon to the right of them, canon to the left of them, volleyed and thundered. Why had they not been to Church?
 Woad for five hundred.
 Morituri te salutamus.
 Oh, the grand Old Duke of York, he had ten thousand men. And then the Treasurer came along and marched them off again.
 For hey are jolly late fellows --- and so all of us have been saying.
 Whereas it has been Ordained by His Majesty King Georgi
 Hic haec hoc. Hunc hanc hoc. Huius whoisus whowaswhich. Huic(pardon).
 The plain in Spain falls mainly in the rain.
 The plain in Melbour---censored.

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THE COLLEGE AND SPORT

Sport and the Canberra district have been associated for a very long time. Literary enthusiasts may remember that it was a Molonglo team of which one of our great Australian poets wrote:

"Nine wickets down for seventeen, and fifty more to win!
Our captain heaved a heavy sigh, and sent McDougal in."

The home team won the match, of course, and gave sport in Canberra an impetus which it has never quite been able to lose.

The College's contribution to local sporting activity is made through the Sports Council, to which you elect annually several office-bearers, the remaining members being nominated by Sports Clubs and the S.R.C. The principal officers at present are:-

President - Lloyd Melhuish
Secretary - Duncan Ironmonger
Treasurer - Ed. Visbord.

who are with their fellow-members making a fine job of encouraging College sport. Their activities are ever more important here since the large number of part-time students makes evening functions difficult to arrange, so that the only time that many students can meet one another is at the weekends on the sporting field.

This, of course, supposes that there is a sporting field to meet on, which is unfortunately not always the case. The teams can usually obtain playing fields, but there are really no ovals or courts specifically for University use, and certainly none where our own pavilions or dressing-sheds could be erected. We can hardly expect to reach the highest grades in local competitions unless we have grounds with reasonable facilities, and the Sports Council are doing their best to arrange permanent grounds. Apart from any other action, adequate arrangements should be made for playing fields in planning the layout of the new College. Sport of all kinds is a very necessary part of the corporate life of any University, and we hope the College Council will make suitable provision for it.

In the meantime the clubs are carrying on with various makeshifts. The Tennis section of the Racquets Club (formed this year) uses courts all over Canberra; the Badminton section usually has the use of College Hall on Wednesday nights. Last Wednesday, it lost even this, when the Hall was taken over for a Sporting Car Club rally (which we understand was arranged with a view to getting the SRC in as members), but the College is being approached to ensure that in future the Racquets club will have a prior claim over non-University bodies.

The Racquets Club is not the only club to have been formed this year, as there has been an all-round increase in student interest in sport. The Table Tennis Club and Women's Basketball Club have also come into existence during the year, and, although the Basketball Club is now in recess until next year after a promising first season, the other two clubs can offer immediate sport to students. Those interested in joining either could 'phone Duncan Ironmonger (Racquets Club) or John Brook (Table Tennis Club), both on F03. This invitation is extended to ANU members, several of whom are already club members, as well as to students at the College.

The older clubs are also flourishing - the Hockey Club Firsts reached the finals in "A" Grade, while the seconds in "A Reserve" Grade, although only promoted this year from "B" Grade, were premiers for the third successive season. The Cricket Club have come over all ambitious and are entering two teams this year, in B Grade and Sub-District competition respectively. This has made the search for talent more difficult, so if you are hitting the ball hard and often, we suggest you give up golf and approach John O'Brien (F06) with a view to playing for one of the University teams.

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LETTERS

to the Editor.

Dear Editor,

Well, now that the "Government" has had its say, perhaps a few home truths may be placed before the constituents by the "Opposition".

It is apparent from the previous issue of this paper that the Government treat the matter of misappropriation of student funds in so light a manner as to bring forth a sizeable collection of infantile poetry and pointless editorials. I myself consider this a just interpretation of the intellectual level of those remaining on the S.R.C. After a painful perusal of these literary efforts I was able to draw the conclusion that as well as attempting to hoodwink the wiser ex-members of the S.R.C. they are now attempting to do the same to the student body in general.

The editorial in the last issue of "Woroni" stated that the "main argument is that there is not enough use for a utility to warrant it". This, like the rest of the editorial, is not on the beam. Ask either of the two members who resigned from the S.R.C. and they will tell you that the reason for their resignation was the snide way in which the whole transaction took place. There is no need for me to go further into the facts as these appeared for five successive days in the local press.

Ultimately the reason why the two ex-members of the S.R.C. would have dissented, had the motion been put to them, would have been the lack of use for a utility with respect to S.R.C. matters. But this cannot be used as the reason for the resignation of the two members.

Apparently the remaining S.R.C. consider an expenditure of what must be upwards of £40 worthwhile for the interest aroused in the student body. Are they incapable of arousing interest in no other way? What has happened to the rags that usually accompany S.R.C. activities? Why, never in my association with Universities have I ever struck a more dormant S.R.C.

Believe me it was not because of the weight of the work involved by S.R.C. membership that Mr. Yell and Mr. Melhuish resigned. They were ever willing to do what they were asked and usually a great deal more. I will not sing a song of praise in their favour but I do decry the treatment which they have received in this matter. The Secretary of the S.R.C. went so far as to call one of them a liar in respect of the evidence used to support his resignation. It is certainly very poor when a member of an executive stoops to this level.

Although a number of students as well as the S.R.C. treat this matter as a great joke there is an overwhelming number who view it in a more serious light, as it deserves. The Secretary will have his chance to disprove Mr. Yell's accusations at the General Meeting convened by a Petition, to be held next Thursday night. As this will undoubtedly be his and the rest of the S.R.C.'s last performance, it had better be a bit better than that to date.

"AN OBSERVER"

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Dear Sir,

It seems to be that one of the answers to student apathy within the College would be a liquor license. This would appear at first a highly doubtful step and it is well that the question should be discussed fully before the matter is brought up at the next general meeting of the Student Association.

One of the problems of this College is that students are not really university students in the sense that would be used to describe the student bodies at other Australian Universities. Many of them are men and women of mature years, a goodly proportion of them already have degrees. Over the years they have proved themselves almost disgustingly respectable.

One of the ways to overcome this would be to introduce some sort of club life in the College. I can think of no better way of doing this than to have a liquor bar which will enable members of the Student Association to meet in the late afternoons over a drink and meet each other in a way that is not possible under the present arrangement.

Surely there are not many places in Canberra with the facilities that are available to the members of this College. We have a fine Common Room, a Library and a Hall. There are ample toilet and kitchen facilities to satisfy the conditions under the ordinance. The S.R.C. Office is at present much too cramped and unsuitable; accommodation could be found for it elsewhere in the College. The old office could then be turned into a perfect bar, that could be locked up when not used.

Arguments may be raised that the students of this College are too young to have a license. There are undoubtedly some who, under the ordinance would be precluded from purchasing liquor, but this minority is far smaller than at sporting clubs where the authorities have seen fit to grant a license. Then, too, at University House the Minister saw fit to exempt the members from the regulations governing the ordinance. The members of University House are by no means older or wiser than the majority of the members of the Canberra University College.

There are problems attached to the obtaining of this license, not the least of which is securing the support and permission of the Council of the College, but the matter should be discussed fully by students and a decision arrived at as soon as possible.

Clyde Packer.

(Editor's comment: This appears to be a good suggestion. Perhaps other students might care to support Mr. Packer (or even take him to task). It is also a question which might receive attention from the S.R.C. It will be discussed at the General Meeting to be held this week).

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Sir,

A few points occurred to me as I read "An Observer's" letter, which appears in this issue of "Woroni". The "Government" is accused of trying to "hoodwink the students" by producing infantile poetry and pointless editorials. This is interesting. In the first place, the poems were genuine contributions from students not on the S.R.C.; as such they seem to have been eagerly snapped up by the Editor and printed. I feel quite sure that had poetry or articles been written in more serious tone or in opposition to the purchase of the car, it would also have been printed.

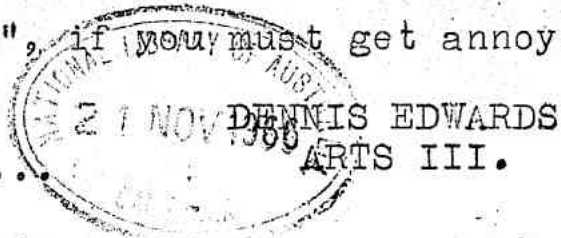
In view of the fact that the poems were from outsiders and that outside contributions are almost a rarity, the claim that they are infantile can in no way be taken as an indication of the intellectual level of the S.R.C. - which, as a body incidentally, does not run "Woroni". And as the author of one of the poems - which have been described as good, clever, and lousy - I should like to know just why it is "infantile".

"An Observer" launched an attack on the Secretary of the S.R.C. for calling a person a liar. Now, if the man was a liar, he has nothing to complain about. If he were not, and if the Secretary did call him one, he deserves an apology and ought, I think, to demand one. But "An Observer" offers no evidence in this case, hence I can only conclude that his attack on the Secretary is uncalled for. The man may or may not have been in the right. Until we know the facts we ought in all fairness to refrain from joining "An Observer" in throwing muck at the Secretary we elected.

Finally, "An Observer" says that never in his association with Universities has he ever struck a more dormant S.R.C. This could well be a smart cover, for it may mean only that "An Observer" is a fresher, hence has never seen any other S.R.C.s! As he did not sign his letter, we can't tell. If he is criticising this year's S.R.C. for achieving lower results than those of the bigger Universities then "An Observer" is a fool, for obvious reasons.

I happen to know that the present S.R.C. works long, hard hours at their job. I consider them even more active than last year's, which itself worked damnably hard. As one who is in close contact with them, I should say the S.R.C. is anything but dormant. This year we have had SRC arranged dances, SRC arranged film shows, SRC arranged debates, SRC arranged evenings with visiting speakers and SRC attempts to create interest in more sporting and cultural bodies among students, to promote closer relationship with A.N.U., to have lockers built etc. With a record like that the SRC cannot justly be called dormant. And don't forget that this list excludes SRC attempts to hold rags - of which the escapade on the lawn (remember, Observer?) and the purchase of the bomb are only the "outward-visible signs" of a lot of jolly hard work.

Come, come, "Observer", if you must get annoyed, please be fair.



Dear Sir,

The S.R.C. has bought a truck. All right, so what? Is that any reason why they should fill the student magazine (OUR MAGAZINE) with guff about it? Everyone is not interested in their sordid little goings-on. For one, am not. The "Woronis" of previous months, given over to the reflection of genuine student desires and interests, were more in my line. And I must protest too at the suppression of all the correspondence and of the articles received from students as a whole (as opposed to the SRC clique), which must have occurred as a result of the decision (whoever made it) to give a whole issue over to this one subject. How I wish that you, Sirs, had had the courage to stand up to this SRC dictation. You would have found far more students willing to support you on that issue than you will find on this "bomb" issue which you and a few others (who shall be nameless) are trying to get them on.

Yours, etc.,

PRO BONO PUBLICO.
(The policy of "Woroni" is and always has been to print any contributions received. Draw your own conclusions! Ed.)